

COLONEL MARK TOWNE
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Colonel Mark Towne assumed duties Sept. 15, 2014, as the Joint Base Deputy Commander, at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J. As Deputy Commander, he provides installation support to more than 80 mission partners at the Department of Defense's only tri-service joint base.

Colonel Mark Towne first entered military service when he enlisted in the Minnesota National Guard in 1986. He received his commission through the Reserve Officers' Training Corps and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree from St. John's University in 1988. After graduating from St. John's, he was employed by the State Farm Insurance Company in Northern Virginia and also served as a member of Army Reserve Troop Program units in Maryland and Virginia.

In 1991, then, 1st Lieutenant Towne left the insurance industry to enter active federal service as an Active Guard Reserve officer in the United States Army Reserve. Since 1991, he has served in a variety of positions to include command of the 454th RRD (7th Army Reserve Command) and 3rd Battalion, 312th Regiment (First Army). As a staff officer, he served with the 81st Regional Support Command, Army Reserve Personnel Command, Headquarters Department of the Army, the Office of the Secretary of Defense, Multi National Force Iraq, and the Joint Staff. Colonel Towne was most recently assigned as the Special Assistant to the Chief of Army Reserve and Commanding General of the United States Army Reserve Command.

Colonel Towne is a graduate of the Adjutant General Corps Officer Basic and Advanced courses, the Marine Corps Command and Staff College, and the U.S. Army War College. He is a certified Defense Financial Manager and holds Master's Degrees from Troy State University, Syracuse University, the Marine Corps University, and the U.S. Army War College. His military awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (4 OLCs), Joint Service Commendation Medal (1 OLC), Army Commendation Medal (4 OLCs), Army Achievement Medal, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal with Bronze Service Star, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Parachutist Badge, Iraqi Campaign Medal with two Bronze Campaign Stars, Army Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon, and the Office of the Secretary of Defense, Joint Staff, and Army Staff Identification Badges.

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